

The Kansas State Exposition

TOPEKA, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER 10th to 15th, 1906

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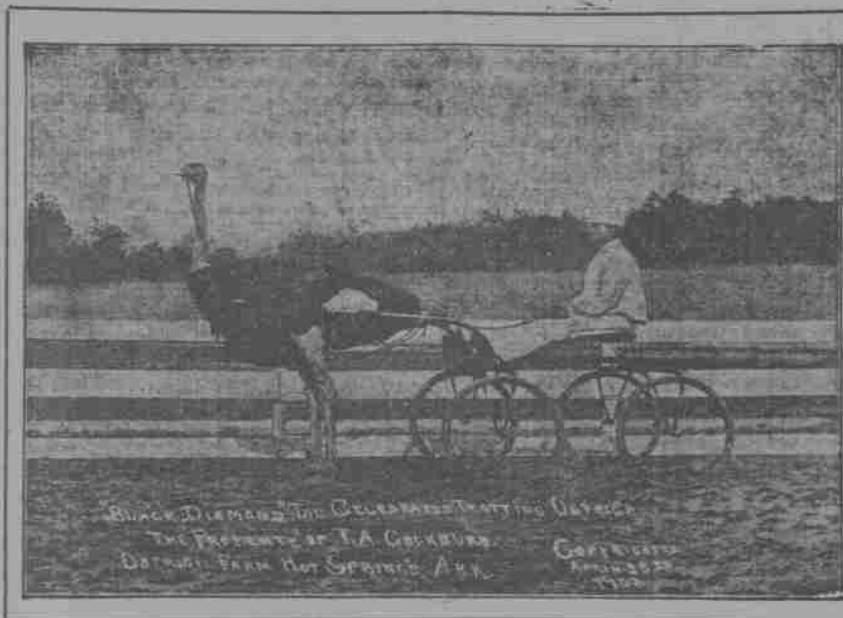
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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

DON'T MISS THE BIGGEST STATE EXPOSITION EVER HELD IN KANSAS

Special Rates on all Railroads leading to Topeka---Admission Free to the Grounds in Evening

BARGAIN COUNTER

Kansas Appears to Have One in Lands.

Average Price in School Property Is \$2.33 Per Acre.

MUCH HAS BEEN SOLD.

Over Six Hundred Patents Issued in Past Year.

Nearly All the Counties in State Represented.

Kansas school land seems to be on the bargain counter, for while all other land in Kansas is advancing in price, school land is selling at an average price of \$2.33 per acre during the year ending June 30, 1906, as compared with \$2.50 in 1905, and a general average of \$2.52 since 1885.

This is the showing made by the Kansas school land report completed today by Capt. A. Gibson, in charge of the school land department of the state auditor's office.

During the fiscal year 1906, the state has issued 605 patents to land, covering 101,518 acres, for which the state received for the school fund, the sum of \$233,111.42, thus making the average price \$2.33 per acre.

In the year 1905, there were 73,414.21 acres patented, yielding a revenue for the school fund of \$183,882.15, making the average price per acre \$2.50.

State Normal school land, which sells at a higher price than state school land, brought an average of \$4.20 per acre last year, but this was a falling off of \$4.34 since 1905, when the average price was \$4.54. The total number of acres of normal school land patented in 1906 was 1,118.89 acres, against 640 acres in 1905, and the money received was \$5,349 compared with \$2,850 in 1905.

Out of the 105 counties in the state, land was patented during the past year in 72 counties. The most patents were issued to Ness county land, where 41 different transactions are on the books, aggregating 7,592.57 acres, the price paid for the same being \$14,326.10. In Trego county, which was second on the list 26 patents were issued.

In some of the counties the school land was knocked off for the very lowest figure which the law allows—\$1.25 per acre. This was true, for example, in Haskell county, where 2,400 acres of land were sold for \$3,000.

An effort was made at the last session of the legislature to either withdraw the land from the market or raise the minimum price, but the western Kansas people were afraid it would check the settlement of those sections of the state, and the measure was defeated. The result is that various expedients are resorted to in order to accomplish the sale of school land at the minimum price. The law regulating the sale of school land is as follows:

"Whenever twenty householders of any organized township in which the land is situated shall petition the su-

perintendent of public instruction of such county to expose to sale any portion or portions of said land, describing the same, he shall, by and with the consent of the county commissioners of his county, appoint in writing three disinterested householders residing in the county in which the land is situated, who, being first duly sworn by an officer authorized to administer oaths to faithfully perform their duties, shall appraise such legal subdivision of said land separately at its real value, and return their appraisal in writing, signed by them to the clerk of the county, and in case any parcel of the said land shall have been improved, the said appraisers shall in addition to the appraisal of the land, return and file with the same a separate appraisal of the improvements upon the land; provided, that no appraisal of the land for less than one dollar and twenty-five cents shall be of any validity or entitle any person to the provisions of this act."

In order to accomplish the sale of land at the minimum price, collusion of some sort is very often necessary. The county superintendent must appoint a board of appraisers who will fix the minimum as the value, and then when the lands are offered for sale in response to the petition, there must be no competitive bidding against the man who is figuring on getting the land. In this way the land can be knocked down at either the minimum or a very low price.

Another way by which competition is frozen out is through the appraisal of the improvement on the land. If there is any, at a very high figure. For example, a man may have leased a piece of school land and built a house thereon. He decides to buy the land, and through the assistance of friendly appraisers the value of the land is fixed at \$1.25 per acre, and the value of his \$500 house is set at \$3,000. The occupant of the land and owner of

the buildings can afford to bid \$2,000 for the house because the money all comes back to him, while no one else could afford to pay that price.

State Auditor Seth Wells said today: "One reason why the land does not bring such a high average price per acre as in years past is because all the good land is taken, and the land now being bought is the less desirable portions. There are some of these western Kansas counties where the whole county could be bought for about \$1.25 per acre."

CLEANING BY COMPRESSED AIR.

Topeka Firm Has Solved a Vexing Problem.

House cleaning need have no more terrors for Topeka's since Cowell Bros. & Rust have imported to this city a compressed air machine, operated with a gasoline engine, which cleans carpets without their being removed from floors and does the cleaning just as effectively as any other method.

This machine is on a portable wagon which is driven up to the front of a house. The apparatus is arranged in the room to be cleaned and then the engine, which is operated by "Dad" Rust, for many years a Santa Fe engineer, is started. In a jiffy the carpet attacked is most effectively cleaned. It is not necessary to remove or change the position of the furniture in the room while it is being cleaned, and when the job is done the entire room, really is cleaned as it never was before and there is little or no dust in the room, all the dirt being carried away by counter currents. The machine has the capacity of cleaning fifteen hundred square yards of carpets in two hours when pressed to its limit. Cowell Brothers & Rust's place of business is at 711 West First street.

THE BROWNSVILLE ROW

Report of the Inspector General of the Department.

Washington, Aug. 21.—General Ainsworth today made public a report received from Major Blockson of the inspector general's department, who is investigating the trouble between the citizens of Brownsville, Texas, and the negro troops stationed at Fort Brown. The telegram says: "Causes of disturbances are racial. People did not desire colored troops and showed they thought them inferior socially by certain slights and denial of privileges at public bars, etc. Soldiers resented this. There were several individual encounters between soldiers and citizens. About midnight of 13th party of soldiers, probably nine or fifteen, made raid through several squares of town firing 75 to 150 shots, killing a bartender and dangerously wounding lieutenant of police. They also fired into several houses where women and children narrowly escaped being shot. Raid lasted from eight to ten minutes. Claim made that citizens fired first, but I believe without foundation; although the act was probably premeditated, do not think commanding officer could have foreseen."

Citizens can not identify individual raiders and authorities have made no demand for them. Investigation now going on has as yet discovered none. Commanding officer today invited a committee of three citizens to assist in conducting investigation. People are still in a state of great nervous tension and men nearly all carry arms at night. Women and children still frightened. I consider it necessary to remove colored troops the sooner the better."

The war department today received a dispatch from General McCaskey, commanding the department of Texas, stating that a company of the Twenty-sixth infantry had left the maneuver camp near Austin, Texas, for Fort Brown on a special train and probably would arrive there today. The battalion of the Twenty-fifth infantry, negro troops, will march to Fort Ringgold which at present is unoccupied as soon as the company of the Twenty-sixth arrives.

BANK WASN'T BURGLARIZED.

But There Was a Good Sized Scare Just the Same.

A burglar scare which caused two bankers' slumbers to be rudely broken Sunday night was due to the over vigilance of Merchant Policeman A. W. Hopkins, who while making his rounds about 10 o'clock noticed the disordered appearance of the interior of the Bank of Topeka. On making a closer investigation he discovered that drawers and boxes taken from their places and piled up in the center of the room and everything indicated that a burglary was in progress.

After informing the police station of the condition of affairs on Kansas avenue at the Bank of Topeka corner he telephoned J. R. Mulvane, who declined to come down and was willing to take chances of burglars getting into the strong box. J. W. Thurston was next telephoned to and he too refused to make the trip down town and was willing to rely on the police being able to protect the bank.

Reuben Knowles, one of the younger employees about the bank, was telephoned to and the landlord of the building sent for and preparations made to make a rush on the building and capture the criminals. Then light broke

on the scene with the announcement from the janitor that he had just pulled out the drawers and spread poison about the building and in the place of the burglars which they expected to find there were the remains of a rat or two that had tasted of the poison earlier in the evening. The laugh was on Hopkins.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE.

Home-seekers' Excursions Are Breaking All Records.

Passenger officials of the Santa Fe railway announce that the home-seeker business this week exceeds all previous records this year. Estimates made from arrangements made in advance for equipment to handle the business indicate that the number of home-seekers which the Santa Fe alone will handle today and tomorrow will exceed 4,000.

Fifteen extra sleeping cars were used on westbound trains today besides the regular equipment and extra chair cars, and from 30 to 35 extra sleeping cars with extra chair cars and the regular equipment will be carried on the trains passing through Topeka Wednesday.

Most of the travel is to the Pecos valley, where the home-seekers are going to look at the cheap lands. Others go to western Kansas, eastern Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas.

Big Swedish Meeting.

It is now probable that the Swedish American National league will meet in Topeka, at Garfield park, on the first Monday in September—Labor day. Mr. John Lundstrom, a member of the committee, has made arrangements for the use of the park on that day. The Swedish American league is a large organization, and between five and ten thousand members are liable to attend.

Mrs. Ferguson Sues for Divorce.

Alice B. Ferguson filed with the district court this afternoon a petition for divorce from her husband, James L. Ferguson. She charges that her husband has been in a state of continued intoxication for the last five years and that she is unable to live with him longer. Mrs. Ferguson asks for the custody of their two children and the possession of the household furniture.

LOCAL MENTION.

Harry Bone, United States district attorney, who has been spending his vacation in and about Los Angeles, Cal., writes home that he has established a new fishing record at Coronado Beach, where he caught 17 fish to date, one of them a 38-pound barracuda. Mr. Bone will return to Topeka Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cresut of 1125 Van Buren street, are the parents of a boy.

Building permits for the erection of three dwellings were let to Mrs. Lee Redden Gordon yesterday as follows: 2500 dwelling, lots 468-474 Clay street, \$1,500 dwelling at same location, \$1,500 dwelling, same.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Mrs. George Long of 627 North Tyler street died of paralysis yesterday afternoon at Keith-Rhodes hospital at the age of 45 years. The funeral will be held at the Central Baptist church in North Topeka tomorrow afternoon at 2 instead of 1 and the burial will take place in Rochester cemetery.

State Journal, 10c a Week.

THOS. FAXON DRUGGED.

Father of Senator Long's Secretary Robbed in Michigan.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 21.—Thomas Faxon of Topeka, arrived in Jackson, Mich., last Saturday and met a young man. They started out to see the sights. After visiting several saloons and taking a number of drinks, Faxon fell asleep in the rear of the saloon. While he was sleeping some one took his pocketbook from his pocket and took out \$75, all the money Faxon had, and placed the pocketbook back in Faxon's pocket.

When Faxon awoke he discovered the loss of his cash and reported the fact to police, who started out to find the man that was so generously showing Faxon the city. From Faxon's condition the police believed that he was drugged while in one of the saloons. The police searched the city but the man that was with Faxon suddenly disappeared and no trace was found of him, until Monday afternoon when the officers got a tip that the much wanted man was in Adrian. They went to Adrian and arrested William Harrison, who lives in Adrian, and took him back to Jackson, where they locked him up on suspicion of drugging and robbing Faxon. Faxon is still very sick as a result of the dose that was administered to him.

Thomas Faxon is the father of Ralph Faxon, private secretary to Chester L. Long, United States senator. Mr. Faxon has lived for some time past on a farm about one and one-half miles south of the Sixth street road and near Tecumseh. Mr. Faxon left recently for a trip through Michigan.

Rowena Blitz Her Name.

Rowena Blitz is the name of the little girl, who so miraculously escaped injury in the runaway on Sunday, and so fearlessly stuck to the wagon, while the horse was dashing along madly. She is twelve years old and lives with her parents on the corner of Eighth and Topeka avenues. They are making an effort to find the young boy, who stopped the runaway horse. Apply at Blitz jewelry store.

Van Fussen Declared Insane.

Samuel Van Fussen, 80 years old, was declared insane by the probate judge and a jury in the county jail this afternoon and will be taken to the hospital this evening. Van Fussen was such a weakened condition that he could not be removed from the jail to the probate court for the trial of the insanity charge against him.

New York Money Market.

New York, Aug. 21.—MONEY—Money on call strong and higher, 4 1/2% per cent; ruling rate 4 1/2% closing bid 5 1/2% and offered 6 per cent. Time loans strong. Sixty days, 5 1/2% per cent; 90 days, 5 1/2% per cent; six months, 6 per cent.

CLOSE—Prime mercantile paper, 5 1/2% per cent; sterling exchange week, at 14 1/2% for demand and at 14 1/2% for 90 days; commercial bills, \$100 @ 4 1/2%; SILVER—Bar silver, 66 1/2¢; Mexican dollars, 50¢.

BONDS—Government bond firm.

"Say, Bill, I think you are trying to boom our new ice plant a little too much," called the head of the concern.

"Why, there was a lady in here just now making a complaint," continued the head of the concern. "She said that you had guaranteed that this ice wouldn't melt."—Detroit Free Press.

"There's no bridge over the Hellespont," mused Hero, "and where there's no bridge there's no society in the true sense, so I'll just stay on this side." And that was why Leander had to swim for it.—Puck.



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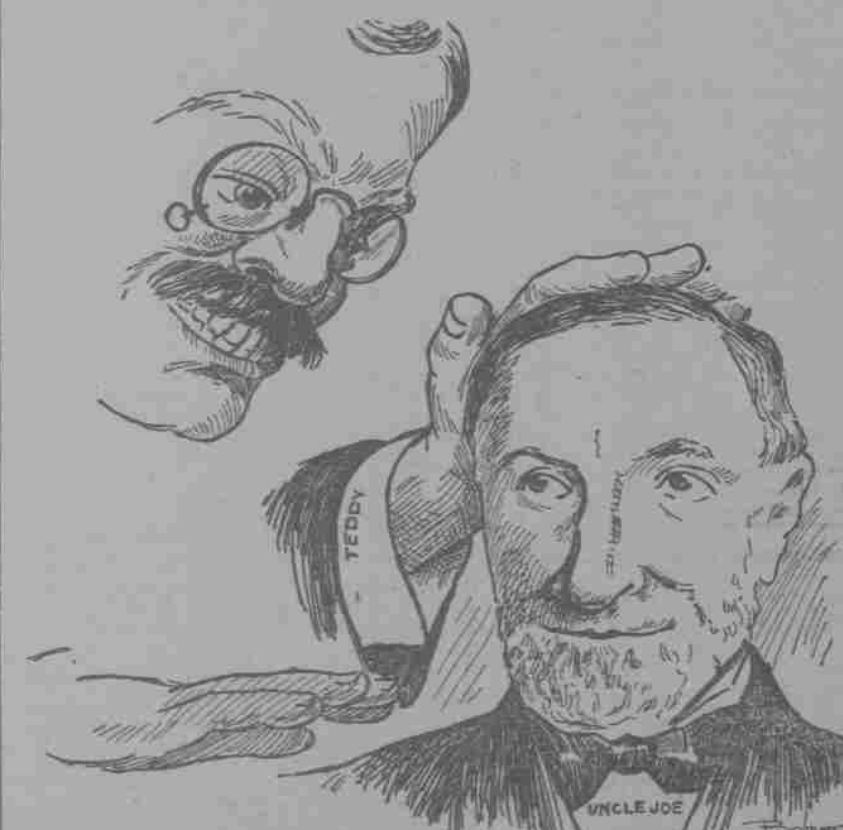
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President Roosevelt Is Much Pleased With Speaker Cannon and the Fifty-ninth Congress.